CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

(i). Re : Scarcity of drinking water in Arsikere Taluk

MADAM SPEAKER.—The Hon. Member, Sri H. S. Siddappa may call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Health.

Sri H. S. SIDDAPPA, (Arsikere).—I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Health to the scarcity of drinking water in Arsikere Taluk.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I state as follows :

It is a fact that scarcity for drinking water is felt for some time past owing to drying of water sources like tanks, drinking water wells etc., in Arsikere Taluk. The situation is reported to be acute in 60 villages of the taluk which are as follows :

		Villages
1. Kasaba Hobli	..	5
2. Kanakakatte Hobli	..	27
3. Gandasi Hobli	..	18
4. Javagal Hobli	..	4
5. Banaware Hobli	..	6
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Out of the 5 villages of Kasaba Hobli, since the water supply from the existing wells was found to be insufficient, pit wells have been dug in tank beds in 3 villages to supplement the water supply. Besides, the existing wells are proposed to be deepened immediately.

Out of 27 villages of Kanakatte Hobli, Water Supply can be improved by deepening the existing wells in 17 villages. Accordingly deepening works are taken up. In 2 villages, bore wells have been provided. But, the pump sets have gone out of order. Water is supplied from the pit wells dug near the halla. In one village, sinking an open well is in progress. Water is supplied from a pit well. In 2 other villages the wells taken up have failed and in 5 more villages it is found that the existing wells cannot be deepened. All these villages will be taken up for providing bore wells. For the present, water is supplied from the pit wells dug in tank beds, cocoanut gardens etc.

Out of the 18 Villages of Gandasi Hobli, existing wells have been deepened in two villages and are proposed to be deepened in 14 villages. In another village, since the existing well cannot be deepened and yet in another village where the drinking water well has failed, bore wells, will be taken up.

(Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA)

For the present, water is being supplemented by digging pit wells sunk in tank beds or from other nearest sources.

Out of the 4 villages in Javagal Hobli, the well in one village has been deepened and deepening proposed in another village. Bore wells are proposed in the remaining 2 villages. For the present, water is being used from pit wells dug in 3 villages.

In the 6 villages of Banawara Hobli, the existing drinking water wells are proposed to be deepened. Pit wells have been provided in 3 villages.

One High Speed Rig and two Low Speed Rigs have been deployed in Arasikere taluk and have started working. The Chief Engineer, MI and PHE and the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan, have been requested to see that bore wells are provided to the needy villages on priority basis.

Sri H. S. SIDDAPPA.—The first part of the statement of the Hon. Minister that the present position is acute, agreeable but I find in the other paras that the deepening of the wells or the pit-wells are taken up through the Taluka Boards. The Deputy Secretary of the Government it seems sent a copy of the order to the Taluka Board stating that the pit wells may be dug charging the costs to the Village Panchayats. The Village Panchayats have no funds. This is a failure, to a certain extent. With the kind permission of the Chair, I would bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that the Taluka Board, in their letter of 13th March 1974 stated that these rigs, which have been mentioned, are out of order just two days after they have started working. One is held up at Kyathanahalli for want of repairs and the other at Kalkunte. One of the leading gentlement of the Ganakatti ಒಂದು ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಈರೀತಿ ಬರೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಮಳೆ ಬಾರದೆ ಈ ಸುತ್ತಮುತ್ತಲ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಜನಗಳಿಗೆ ಕುಡಿಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ನೀರು ಇಲ್ಲ. ದನಗಳೂ ಸಾಯುತ್ತಿವೆ ಜನಗಳೂ ಕಷ್ಟಪಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದು ಬರೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. This is the position. Therefore, I appeal through the Chair to the Hon. Minister for Health to speed up the work and pull up the Officers to go and see because it is very acute. I may tell that in the next month, we will be hearing alarming reports that the people are dying and the cattles are dying for want of water. Will the Hon. Minister kindly take up the issue on war-footing and see that the drinking water is supplied ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—To some extent, what the Hon. Member says about these works done or being done by the Village Panchayats or by the B.D.Os. is not quite satisfactory because funds are not available. "32 RD Works" will also be taken up by the PHD and I have issued instructions. This deepening is not so successful, as the Hon. Member said. Deepening is not possible in

some places. Instead of spending money on the deopening, it would be much better to take high speed rigs and in the needy places, new bore wells will be taken up. That will be far more easir and also much more useful than deepening of these wells. I have told the Chief Engineer and that is why I have asked him to be here so that he may know the feelings of this House and works may be taken up acordingly. I have also told him that there are 5 rigs working in the southern zone, and wherever there is necessity, particularly in Tiptur, Chickanayakanahalli, Arasikere and in some Taluks, I am asking them to rush them and see that the position is eased. I understand the difficulty in the places, particularly, in the next month, the situation may create much more serious and the Government are alive to it.

re : murder of two persons at Chikalgudda village

Sri J. L. KABADE (Ballolli).—I beg to call the attention of the Hon. Chief Minister to the murder of two persons at Chikalgudda Village on 1st March 1974.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health).—Sir On behalf of the Chief Minister, I state as follows :—

Chikalgudda village is on the National Highway No. 4, 3 miles from Sankeshwar. As per the complaint, the deceased Panchaxari and Chidanand, were returning on 26th February 1974 at 2300 hours from Hukeri after hearing the election results. They were shouting pro-congress (O) slogans. The accused persons Dundappa and Laguma, who are supporters of Congress (R) came out of their houses and killed them by using axe and spear. At that time, one Muslim lady who was going into the village in search of her husband saw this incident and started shouting. Hearing her cry, the villagers came, by which time the accused made good their escape leaving the dead bodies of the deceased persons in a pool of blood. Sub-Divisional Police Officer and Superintendent of Police visited the scene. The Deputy Inspector General of Police, Belgaum also visited the place and issued necessary instructions for investigation. There is no trouble in the village.

Both the accused were arrested on 3rd March 1974 in the morning at 6.00 a.m. in the outskirts of Chikalgudda village. On the information of one of the accused, the axe has been recovered. Both the accused have been produced before the Magistrate and were remanded to Magisterial custody. Post Mortem report and the chemical analysis report are still awaited. After receipt, final report will be sent to Court.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ಎಲ್. ಕಬಾಡಿ.—26-2-1974 ರಂದು ರಾತ್ರಿ ಖೂನ್ ಆಗಿದೆ. ಐದು ದಿವಸಗಳ ನಂತರ ಎಂದರೆ 3-3-1974ಕ್ಕೆ ಆರೋಪಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ (ಆರ) ಪಕ್ಷದ ಪರವಾಗಿ ನಿಂತಿದ್ದ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಯ ಗಂಡ ಬಿಜಾಪುರದಲ್ಲಿ ಡಿ.ಎಸ್.ಪಿ. ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಪೋಲೀಸರ ಮೇಲೆ ಪ್ರಭಾವ ತಂದುದರಿಂದ ಯಾವರೀತಿಯಾಗಿ ಕಾಯುದೆಯ ಚೌಕಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಉಳಿಸ